

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
GLOBAL RESELLER EXPEDITED PACKAGE CONTRACTS 2
(MC2013-51 AND CP2013-64)
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket No.
CP2021-140

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1**
(October 19, 2021)

The United States Postal Service (Postal Service) hereby provides its response to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, issued on October 8, 2021.¹ A response was due no later than October 15, 2021, but the Commission granted a motion for extension of time until October 19, 2021, to respond.² The Commission filed Questions 1 and 2 of the request publicly, and Questions 3 through 9 of the request under seal. Therefore, the Postal Service is including its responses to Questions 1 and 2 as Attachment 1 to this notice. In addition, the Postal Service is filing its responses to Questions 3 through 9 under seal and relies upon the Application for Non-Public Treatment that the Postal Service filed in these dockets on September 28, 2021.³

¹ Chairman's Information Request No. 1 and Notice of Filing Under Seal, Docket No. CP2021-140, October 8, 2021.

² PRC Order No. 6008, Order Granting Motion for Extension of Time, Docket No. CP2021-140, October 18, 2021.

³ Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Reseller Expedited Package 2 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, Docket No. CP2021-140, September 28, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Please refer to the United States Postal Service's *Service Alert*, updated on September 17, 2021.¹ The *Service Alert* lists countries to which the Postal Service suspended service "due to impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and other unrelated service disruptions."
 - a. Please describe all factors related to the COVID-19 pandemic that affected the Postal Service's ability to provide international mail service to the countries listed in the *Service Alert*.
 - b. Please describe all factors unrelated to the COVID-19 pandemic that affected the Postal Service's ability to provide international mail service to the countries listed in the *Service Alert*.
 - c. Please describe the impact of these factors on the Postal Service's determination of the appropriate air and surface transportation contingency factor for this agreement.

RESPONSE:

- a. Lack of air transportation available to the Postal Service as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic is the factor related to the COVID-19 pandemic that affected the Postal Service's ability to provide international mail service to the countries listed in the *Service Alert*.
- b. Among the factors unrelated to the COVID-19 pandemic that affected the Postal Service's ability to provide international mail service to the countries listed in the *Service Alert* include the following: lack of air transportation available to the Postal Service, as well as various situations in destination countries that resulted in carriers cancelling all flights to those destinations.
- c. The contingency factors for this agreement were determined as described in the response to question 8 of this information request. The method used data that was already affected by the factors cited in the responses to questions 1.a. and 1.b. above.

¹ United States Postal Service International Service Disruptions, available at <https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm>.

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2. Please refer to Docket No. RM2021-8, Library Reference USPS-RM2021-8-NP1, August 4, 2021, Excel file "Att2.xlsx." Please confirm that the proposed change in analytical principles under consideration in Docket No. RM2021-8 (Proposal Five) would disproportionately affect the Postal Service's costs for GREPS 2 agreements. If confirmed, please also confirm that this agreement will cover its costs if Proposal Five is approved. If not confirmed, please explain.

RESPONSE:

Confirmed, and confirmed that this agreement will cover its costs if Proposal Five is approved.